



SEPTEMBER 06 INTERPRETIVE CALENDAR

PURGATORY CHASM STATE RESERVATION

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Words from the Wild 4-5	2 Jr. Rangers 1-3 Chasm Tour 4-5
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Description of Programs & Events:

Chasm Tour

Discover the mysteries of Purgatory Chasm. How was it formed? How did places such as “Lover’s Leap” and “Devil’s Pulpit” get their names? The interpreter will take visitors on a hike through the chasm while discussing the history, ecology, geology, and wildlife of this unique formation. The tour is suitable for families and anyone who is physically able to withstand a fairly strenuous hike.

Junior Rangers

The month of September will be the continuation of Junior Rangers for youth ages 9-12 and will also center around the theme “Land Stewards”. Youth will participate in such activities as “Rare Bird Eggs for Sale”, “Pay to Play”, “Here Today, Gone Tomorrow”, “Tracks!”, and “My Kingdom for a Shelter”. The activities will be designed to peak their curiosity in the natural environment while helping them learn to be responsible stewards of the land.

Hiking Naturally

Hike through the chasm and surrounding woods in the park while learning how to be good stewards of the land, identify different types of plants, trees, animals, and more. Find out why so many of the boulder formations look like “hamburgers on a bun”. Each week will have a different theme suitable for families such as “ABC Hike”, “Natural/Unnatural Hike”, and “Sensory Hike”. The hike is suitable for individuals, families, and anyone able to withstand a hike of moderate difficulty.

Words from the Wild

Be inspired by the writings of naturalists such as Thoreau, Muir, and others. Take a short hike while carefully observing the unique natural surroundings of the chasm and forest. Practice writing poems or prose and learn some tricks for getting started. Talk about journaling, sketching, and other ways of recording your experiences in nature for maximum enjoyment. Experiment with different mediums such as charcoal, ink, pencil, or colored pencil. This activity is appropriate for adolescents to adults. It is a good activity for older adults and individuals with disabilities.



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Caving

Learn how to explore the caves of Purgatory Chasm safely for maximum enjoyment. Find out what to do if you see a bat, learn about the different kinds of caves, and what type of equipment to bring with you when “splunking”. Get a chance to spend some time in a cave at Purgatory Chasm. This activity is suitable for families, individuals, and anyone interested in the topic.

Going Bats!

Find out more about bats! How dangerous are they? Will they suck your blood as portrayed in movies? What is echolocation? Are they pests or friends of humans? The activity is appropriate for people of all ages and abilities.